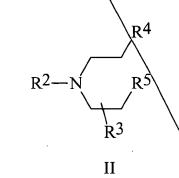
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wherein

R¹ denotes substituted or unsubstituted hydrogen, alkyl, aryl, arylalkoxy, tosyl, formyl, benzoyl, acetyl or amine; R² denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; and R³ denotes substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy or arylalkoxy; by reacting a compound of the formula



wherein R² and R³ are as defined above and R⁴ and R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of fluoro, chloro, bromo and iodo,

with a compound of the formula H_2N-R^1 , wherein R^1 is as defined above. Preferably the reaction is performed in the presence of a solvent. Polar aprotic solvents such as, dimethyl formamide, dimethylacetamide and dimethylsulfoxide are preferred.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 37-48 and 50 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 19, and 49 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for preparing a compound of the formula